

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph on page 8 of the Specification as follows:

“For example, in situations where the UE specific information is significantly less than the capacity of a minimum transmission resource unit, the overhead associated with communicating the information may be substantially reduced.”

Please amend the following paragraph on page 21 of the Specification as follows:

“The Node B 101 is further coupled to a fixed network 105 which interconnects base stations and is operable to route data between any two base stations, thereby enabling a UE in a cell to communicate with a UE in any other cell. In addition, the fixed network 105 comprises gateway functions for interconnecting to external networks such as the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN), thereby allowing UEs to communicate with landline telephones and other communication terminals connected by a landline. Furthermore, the fixed network 105 comprises much of the functionality required for managing a conventional cellular communication network including functionality for routing data, admission control, resource allocation, subscriber billing, mobile station authentication etc. The fixed network 105 may specifically include Radio Network Controllers (RNCs) and a core network as well known to the person skilled in the art.

Please amend the Abstract on page 44 of the Specification as shown on the following page: